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## Lecture links motives behind battery to dynamics of human trafficking

 BY MORGAN MOBLEY  
THE COLLEGIAN

Dorothy Stucky Halley, director of the victim services division in the Office of the Kansas Attorney General, spoke to students about domestic abuse and how students can be aware of this issue during the first Tony Jurich Lecture on Social Justice Thursday afternoon.

Halley spoke on the different motives of those who batter and their link to human trafficking.

There are more than 20 million victims of human trafficking around the world, according to the U.S. State Department.

Halley said that instead of abandoning people in abusive relationships, we must make an effort to understand the dynamics at play. She said that she believes people abuse their partners for different reasons or motives. Halley outlined three major motives behind abusive relationships as entitlement, survival and sadistic.

"As much as I don't like thinking about this kind of stuff, it is so important that we are aware of what is happening every day," Sarah Colburn, junior in family studies and human services, said.



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Human trafficking, sexual slavery, domestic abuse and several other forms of sexual exploitation are equally relevant issues nationally and internationally.

In the entitlement-based motive, if things don't go the abuser's way, they believe they have a right to punish their victim. This can often be materially motivated as well, if the abuser's primary interest is in money and material assets.

For the survival-based motive, it is common for the abuser to feel as if they can't survive without their partner.

Finally, the sadistic-based motive. This means

that the abuser is motivated by the pleasure received through causing their partner pain. These people actually tend to be intelligent and usually have an ample amount of power within the relationship. They also are generally the most masterful at hiding abuse and making the victims seem as if they are mentally ill.

Each of these motives can be seen within the world of human trafficking.

"I learned intimate partner violence can be very highly linked to sex trafficking," Wheeler Crimm, junior in family studies and human services, said.

As Halley concluded, she said that gaining contextual information can make all the difference for victims and those seeking to help them. According to Halley, people can assist victims by better understanding their situation and risks.

## SGA considers new legislation, statute changes

 BY BRIDGET BERAN  
THE COLLEGIAN

Student Governing Association senators started off their last meeting before spring break with Student Body President Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, addressing the senate about fee proposals that are currently being considered by the Tuition and Fees Strategies Committee.

The proposals by the College of Engineering and the College of Business are asking for fees over a period of five years. The current policy for the Tuition and Fees Strategies Committee, however, only allows fee recommendations to be made for one year at a time and proposals must be re-submitted each year.

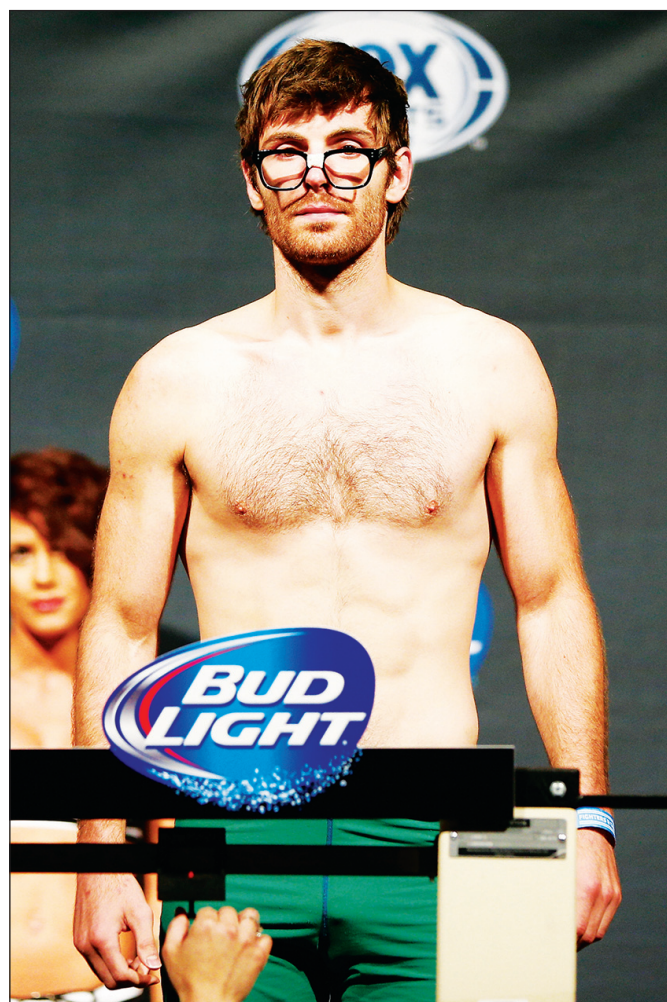
Kays asked that concerned students contact him or Speaker Abby Works, senior in chemistry, to answer their questions.

K-State International Tuba and Euphonium Association received \$1,000 to bring Tim Buzbee, a world-renowned tubist, to K-State for a concert and course on April 22. Senators also approved \$1,000 for the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences to send 10 members to the 30th annual career fair and training conference in Houston.

In new legislation, eight minor allocations were introduced. Minor allocations are requests for funding that are under \$850. Requests were for College of Agriculture Student Council, \$210; Microbiology Club, \$380; B.O.S.S. A Cappella, \$300; Feminists Igniting Resistance and Empowerment, \$100; Kansas State International Tuba and Euphonium Association, \$200; Student Alumni Board, \$500; Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, \$450; and Freedom Alliance, \$300.

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## Manhattan native ready to fight in UFC competition this weekend



Courtesy of Josh Hedges, Zuffa LLC

 BY TATE STEINLAGE  
THE COLLEGIAN

If you sit down and talk with Jake Lindsey long enough, chances are he'll mention his first run in with the cops, which to this day he still refers to as "cardio training." He'll also touch on his deep-rooted love for Manhattan and K-State, while mentioning his passion for reading and video games.

He then may tell you that he's a UFC fighter, and that he's set to take the octagon this weekend in UFC 185 in Dallas.

Lindsey, 28, was born and raised in the Little Apple. His training started at the Manhattan High School football field and he has remained in town at a local gym, Combative Sports Center.

He's currently the only UFC fighter from the state of Kansas and, in all likelihood, the first-ever from Manhattan.

"It feels good," Lindsey said. "It puts a little extra pressure on me, I suppose, but I'm the type of guy that doesn't think about that crap, to be honest with you. Sometimes I have to stop and smell the roses, because I'm so interested in so many things that I won't really realize that, like, I'm fighting for UFC. I'm definitely excited to prove that there is talent in this region."

Lindsey's interest in UFC sparked prior to 2007. He had no experience in mixed martial arts, but the sport hooked him and pushed him to start training on his own. The early workouts included punching

football practice dummies and mimicking YouTube videos.

"I was always a fan of UFC and PRIDE and all the old-school MMA organizations," Lindsey said. "I always watched, and I just kind of fell in love with the glory of it. I didn't think about the money or anything at that point in time. I was always pretty good in a fight, and I thought, 'You know, I can do this.'"

Lindsey's stock rose quickly as an amateur. He met regional MMA veteran Joe Wilk and began training at Combative Sports Center, adopting a unique style that puts emphasis on cardio, aggression and a well-rounded mix of wrestling and boxing.

After an 11-0 amateur record, Lindsey's status turned professional. He faced better opposition, but the losses were still nowhere to be found.

Lindsey jumped out to a 9-0 record as a professional in MMA. He was thrilled with every win and, of course, each paycheck, but there was growing frustration by the lack of UFC exposure.

Eventually, Lindsey started questioning whether it was worth it to continue pursuing his dream of fighting in UFC.

"I thought, 'You know, what the hell is the deal? I should be getting a call at any point,'" Lindsey said. "I didn't hear a damn thing. My manager told me to keep winning and that I'd get a phone call ... I honestly almost started thinking about calling it quits, because I wasn't in UFC."

He didn't, though. In fact, Lindsey pressed harder for a UFC fight, calling scouts and UFC officials. His persistence paid off in June 2014 when he took the oc-

tagon in his first-ever UFC fight.

"MMA is a very demanding sport," Lindsey said. "I made no money for the longest time, because you can't work full time — it's too much to do that and train full time. It's too hard on your body."

Ahead of his third UFC fight (0-2), Lindsey said he often forgets that he's at the highest level of mixed martial arts, fighting against world-class athletes and not just a Manhattan kid doing what he loves.

"First and foremost, I love this town," Lindsey said. "There's something about this town. I may leave for a little bit, but I'll always come back. This is home. Manhattan is a special town that has given me so many experiences."

That love extends to K-State as well.

"K-State means a ton to me, more so for different reasons than most people in this town probably," he said. "I only went there for school for a short time, but it's been a big part of my life. There's a special place in my heart for K-State."

Saturday, Lindsey will face Joseph Duffy (0-0) in the lightweight division of UFC 185. Duffy enters heralded as the last fighter to beat UFC star Conor McGregor.

Lindsey, however, is quick to point out that fight happened five years ago, and much has changed since then — especially for himself.

"I'm excited because I'm going to steal that glory," Lindsey said. "It's the perfect fight, because everyone is going to be watching him and after I whoop his butt, they're going to be like, 'Who's this guy?'"

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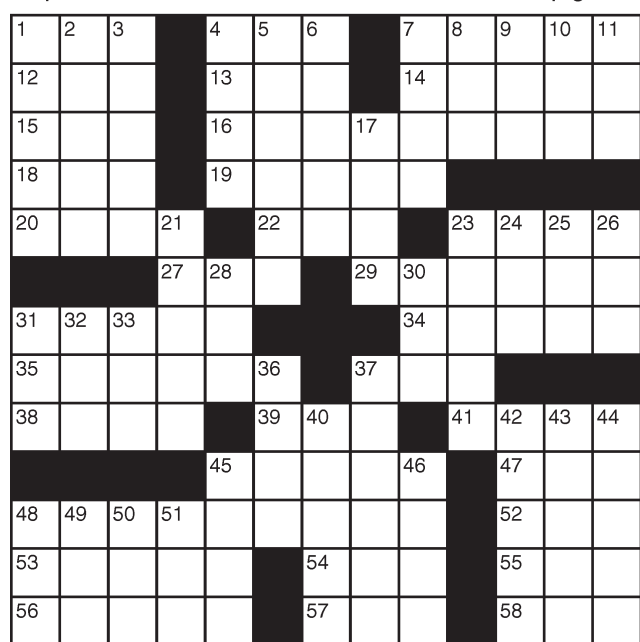
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I was excited for summer for a second, but then I remembered heat. No thank you.

Since the Landon Lecture series speech was a multimillionaire whose health care and tax policies would mostly benefit the rich, how about inviting someone cares about the well-being of all Americans such as Elizabeth Warren or Bernie Sanders?

I think I'm going to be the only one in class on Friday.

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## THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

Tuesday, March 11

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# Rejuvenate at home during spring break

By MORGAN BELL  
THE COLLEGIAN

For some, spring break will bring the relaxing sound of waves caressing a beach. For others, the sound of waves may be coming from a CD player sitting next to a sun chair in the backyard.

Even without lavish travel plans for spring break, there are many ways to relax, both in the privacy of your own home and around Manhattan.

To begin, the week off is a great time to concentrate on family. Elena Andrus, junior in apparel and textiles, is planning on staying home for break and do exactly that.

"My biggest focus over break is family," Andrus said. "I spend a lot of time on things for school and work and don't really get to focus on my daughter or husband at all, so I really want to get quality time in with them. If it is warm enough, my family may go out fishing or driving through the country. We have a book of all the ghost towns in Kansas and eventually want to visit them all — even if there is nothing left."

In addition to family time, there are places in Manhattan that provide relaxing services.

"(Student) can come to Planet Beach and they can do a day at the spa, which is really relaxing," Sara Rauch, owner of Planet Beach, said. "Just to name a few services, they could do the hydration station, which is a vitamin steam bath that hydrates your skin and prepares it for the UV therapy, which is the UV tanning."

Planet Beach, located at 324 Southwind Place by Target, also offers a HydroMassage bed, spray tanning, red light therapy, facial rejuvenation, teeth whitening and an oxygen bar.

Another place in town that also offers a lot of relaxation services extended is Salon Essentials, located at 121 S. Seth Child Road.

"I would definitely recommend a mani-pedi," said Edith Tessman, massage therapist and cosmetologist at Salon Essentials. "I like the spa pedicure a lot, because you get a scrub, a mask, a foot treatment and massage. I would definitely suggest getting a hot stone massage or just a Swedish massage. Facials are great, too."

Women are not the only ones who can benefit from the services offered at Planet Beach and Salon Essentials.

"I think that pedicures are great for guys," Tessman said. "Massages and facials are also



NICHOLAS CADY | THE COLLEGIAN

If you're stuck at home this spring break, take advantage of the downtime and relax with some at-home spa treatments like face masks.

great for guys."

Rauch has male costumers who come in to experience a variety of relaxation services.

"A lot of our guys that come in here like to do the sauna, and they also like to do the UV therapy," Rauch said. "The HydroMassage is a big hit, as well."

According to Rauch, men appear to like the oxygen therapy, too. It has five different flavors of oxygen administered through a nose hose to help with relaxation,

migraines and is also a great hang-over relief.

If you just want to relax at home, there are things you can do there, too. Tessman suggests getting a bottle of wine, grabbing a movie from Redbox or watching Netflix and staying in to cook dinner.

If you are on a budget over spring break and do not want to spend much money, Tessman recommends going to coffee shops to hang out and relax. She also said

you can get facial masks from Walmart, as well as give yourself an at-home pedicure.

Even if you are not going anywhere, don't have any set plans and are on a budget, you can still have a relaxing spring break. There are many things to do in town and at home during the break from school everyone has been needing.

"Staying home might not sound like a lot of fun, but it will be a small change in routine and I can't wait," Andrus said.

## Must-read fashion books sure to style up any student's spring break

By SONIA KUMAR  
THE COLLEGIAN

As spring break approaches, we all look forward to a week of therapeutic relaxation. Many of us, however, may feel unproductive during this week and feel like we should be working on something. What if there were a way to learn how to make dual prints work year-round or how to become a #GIRLBOSS?

Luckily, there are some great reads for those interested in fashion and style to make your week feel more productive.

### 'Living in Style' by Rachel Zoe

Rachel Zoe, a renowned stylist, styles A-list celebrities and has her own Bravo television show "The Rachel Zoe Project." Her book, "Living in Style: Inspiration and Advice for Everyday Glamour," is all about cultivating a life that is drenched in glamour.

According to an article by Elaina Plott on the Harpers Bazaar website, Zoe said she believes that "whether you're a

career girl, mother, grandmother, all three, you can live glamorously even without a lot of time to do it."

Although some consider Zoe frivolous, she gives "lifestyle tweaks" that truly make a difference. These tweaks are useful, whether they be for interior design or how to make your wardrobe a little bit more glamorous. Many may remember Zoe from her Bravo show as a madwoman who was always very busy with nothing but work on her mind, but in this book she talks about how her life and style has changed.

### '#GirlBoss' by Sophia Amoruso

"#Girlboss" by Nasty Gal founder and CEO Sophia Amoruso outlines how she turned an eBay vintage store to a multi-million dollar company. The New York Times said "#Girlboss" is a "D.I.Y. success manual written for women who were more prone to be voted 'Most Unique' than 'Most Likely to Succeed.'"

Amoruso's Cinderella story is an empowering, motivating and entertaining read. With life lessons on every few pages like,

"The straight and narrow is not the only path to success," there is a lot to be learned for those who want to become their own boss someday.

### 'Refinery29: Style Stalking' by Piera Gelardi, Christene Barberich

Street Style has become one of the most important outlets for those looking for groundbreaking style. "Refinery29: Style Stalking" is written by the co-founders of Refinery29 Piera Gelardi and Christene Barberich. This book is superb for college students who are looking for new ways to improve their look.

According to an article by Lauren Indvik in Fashionista, "Style Stalking" offers something different than many fashion books.

"Unlike most books about getting dressed, this one doesn't encourage readers to max out their credit cards," Indvik said. "Instead, it explains how certain, seemingly unachievable looks (a stylist's black on black, or an editor's ugly (and) pretty approach to dressing) can be constructed,

largely from pieces already in readers' wardrobes."

The book, unlike most street style books, offers "basic training" on how to mix prints or even pull off unusual trends year-round.

### 'In Color' by Tory Burch

Tory Burch's "In Color" is one of those books you just have to have sitting out; it's much too beautiful to leave on the shelf. This book is about Burch's inspirations and her adoration for hues, as well as bits of her personal life thrown in.

According to an article on the Business Insider website, Burch and her designs were even featured on the TV show "Gossip Girl."

Overall, there are some great fashion reads for you to take with you on your spring break. Who can say no to a little self-indulgent reading?

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## Students spend spring break focusing on service with Alternative Breaks



Courtesy of Mackenzie Lutz

By MILES UPDIKE  
THE COLLEGIAN

Spring break. For many college students across the country, these two words conjure daydreams of partying on sunny beaches and a reprieve from the struggles of class, work and everyday stress. There are, however, a collection of students who will not be packing their cars for Gulf Shores, Alabama; Panama City, Florida; or South Padre Island, Texas.

These students are actually about to head out for community service trips through the Alternative Breaks program at K-State.

Organized through the Staley School of Leadership Studies, the K-State Alternative Breaks program gives students the opportunity to travel

to communities and work with locals to address critical social matters in those areas. Participants in the program have done work in a handful of states around the nation in a variety of different fields.

This spring break, the Alternative Breaks program has three teams of students heading out to serve. One team will be going to Dallas to learn more about HIV and AIDS health care and the stigma at-

tached to the diseases. Another team will be going to Kansas City, Missouri to work with the local homeless population, while the third team will venture to Denver to look at the socio-economic impacts on education and the various resources available there.

Mackenzie Lutz, junior in marketing, is a part of the Dallas team this spring break. Lutz went on her first alternative break this past winter break.

"I think the biggest thing for me is the people and relationships that have come from serving in the past," Lutz said.

Tyler Bedell, senior in business marketing and Alternative Breaks student coordinator, said the human interaction and bonding in a community is one thing he strives to achieve.

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## K-State Police provide wealth of safety services to campus



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The K-State Police Department staff, from officers to inspectors to dispatchers, are trained to handle the countless scenarios that could affect campus safety.

By CAITLYN FRISBIE  
THE COLLEGIAN

Some students may not believe it, but the K-State Police Department does a lot more than just give out traffic tickets.

Every day and each call is a different experience for police officers. Officers on campus have a strenuous and detailed job that includes heavy use of technology. Police officers use a mobile data transmitter, or MDT, to communicate with each other and keep track of where all units are.

"A big part of this job is knowing where you're at and knowing where everyone else is," Officer Kyle Casey said.

When responding to calls, Casey said that each unit will come from a different direction to have the entire area covered. Officers have also been trained to think of all possible scenarios on their way to a call. Casey said that with each call, it could be either nothing or the people involved could become resistant, and the situation would be very different.

Night shifts and day shifts also differ greatly. During the day, the most common calls officers receive are theft reports and traffic incidents. At night, most calls are alcohol related – most commonly criminal theft and battery.

When situations such as mug-

gings and robberies occur on campus, officers take extra precautions to keep students and faculty safe. These include having more officers patrolling around campus, especially in the areas where incidents took place. Detectives are also sent to the area where the incident took place to look for any evidence as to why something may have happened. Administrators also send out updates to K-State Alerts to inform students and faculty of the situation.

Responding to calls isn't all police officers do; they also handle traffic situations. When officers pull someone over, they first radio in where they are and then proceed to approach the car. They then take the person's license and registration and give dispatch the information, so a check for outstanding warrants can be run.

In translating the information to dispatch, officers use a phonetic alphabet to cut down on confusion. Officers also use "ten codes" to relay information on calls so that dispatch and other officers know exactly what is going on.

In addition to patrolling campus every day, officers act as secondary responders for the Riley County Police Department. Officers use a scanner to watch calls from RCPD in case incidents come close to campus or their assistance is needed. Police mostly assists RCPD during night shifts, but also act as first responders if RCPD cannot respond to an incident in a timely manner.

While officers are out around campus, dispatchers work to keep communication flowing; however, their days vary just as greatly as those of patrol officers.

"Some days we're slammed with phone calls, other days we handle fingerprints and some days we have a lot of traffic related incidents," Ashley LeBlanc, senior in biochemistry and student employee in dispatch, said. "So our main duties depend on the day."

Calls during night shifts are commonly police calls, while those during the day are more administrative calls. LeBlanc said that dispatch sometimes acts as a catchall, and people call them with questions when they are not sure who they need to call.

Dispatchers are always monitoring the security cameras around campus, such as those in Hale Library, Dykstra Hall and Anderson Hall. They also watch the weather on a radar, and send out severe weather announcements. Like officers, dispatchers monitor RCPD calls in case the incidents come close to campus.

In addition to monitoring, dispatchers send officers to calls and run license plates, warrants and background checks through their computer system.

Some background checks are also done by the Investigative Division of the Campus Police Department. Detective Andrew Moeller said his division runs most background checks for people who work

in the department and the Division of Public Safety.

"There is no set daily routine," Moeller said. "It can range from investigating property crime to major crimes."

Cases come in at all times of the day, so detectives are essentially on call at all times. Some cases have odd hours and others require overtime; each case is different.

When cases first come in, detectives look at the report and decide which cases they will handle directly and which will be handled by a patrol officer with their assistance. After deciding how the case will be handled, detectives look at evidence and decide who they need to talk to. They will usually talk to witnesses, but they also use experts in various fields as references.

"Building a case is like a bunch of building blocks that all start to point in the same direction," Moeller said.

Each division of the K-State Police Department works closely with one another. Detectives work with patrol officers to solve cases and dispatch works to keep communication going within the department.

"My favorite part of working in the campus police department is the family atmosphere," LeBlanc said. "We all have each others backs at all times and keep each other safe."

Though each division has its own job, as a whole the K-State Police Department keeps campus a safe place to live and learn.

## Spend March celebrating agriculture in Kansas

By ERIN WOODS  
THE COLLEGIAN

Agriculture has long been a part of our nation's history. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website, the Native Americans taught the first settlers from Europe how to grow corn to survive.

In order to celebrate our state's legacy of agriculture, the Kansas Department of Agriculture has dedicated the month of March to increasing awareness of this industry.

Logan Britton, senior in agricultural economics and agricultural communications and journalism, said he believes that Agriculture Month and its mission are important.

"The purpose of having an agriculture month is to inform people about the scope and importance of the agriculture industry, as well as celebrate our purpose in feeding, clothing and fueling the world," Britton said.

While Kansas helps support the nation by growing food and fuel, agriculture also supports Kansas. According to the KDA, agriculture is the largest economic driver in Kansas, valuing over \$53 billion and accounting for 37 percent of the state's total economy.

Olivia Orth, sophomore in food science and industry, said she believes that agriculture in America can be taken for granted.

"People don't realize how lucky we are to have a safe food supply," Orth said. "The amount of choices we get with food – it's incredible."

All of these safe options are possible by the ever-evolving technology of the agriculture industry. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's website, the USDA invested more than \$70 million into food safety research, education and extension projects that will help build a modern public health system that meets the evolving needs of the farm-to-fork system.

Emily Beneda, junior in food science and industry, said she believes that consumers need to know how their food goes from farm to fork and about the technology that helps it get there.

"Just like our iPhones are constantly updating and evolving, so is the technology in agriculture," Beneda said. "Educating the public about how technology and agriculture work together to produce safe, abundant and affordable food is another important aspect to Ag Month."

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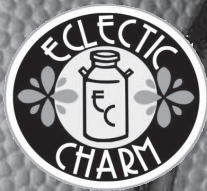


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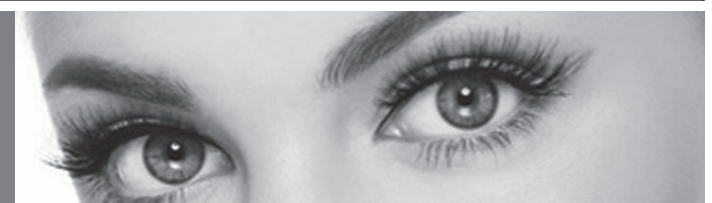
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CAMPUS BRIEFS

compiled by Chloe Creager

# K-State's graduate programs rank among best in the nation

According to a K-State news release, K-State's College of Engineering, College of Education and College of Veterinary Medicine's graduate programs are all ranked among the 100 best schools in their respective categories nationwide by the U.S. News and World Report.

The U.S. News and World Report ranked the College of Education No. 88, the College of Engineering No. 94, and the College of Veterinary Medicine No. 14 for 2016.

"The U.S. News & World Report rankings confirm that the College of Education, College of Engineering and College of Veterinary Medicine have graduate programs that are respected by our peers and that our graduates are esteemed in their respective fields," K-State President Kirk Schulz said in the news release. "These graduate programs advance a culture of excellence and help the university move forward with our goal to become a Top 50 public research university by year 2025."

National rankings are determined by multiple factors such as national surveys, student selectivity, faculty resources and the universities' research activity.

For 2015, the U.S. News and World Report placed the College of Education at No. 92, the College of Engineering at No. 99 and the College of Veterinary Medicine at No. 19.

# K-State purchases former call center for storage, extra space, temporary architecture relocation

According to a K-State news release, the Kansas Board of Regents approved K-State purchasing a former call center located at the Manhattan Corporate Technology Park.

K-State offered \$575,000 for the building, which is 42,000 square feet on 8.75 acres.

The building was purchased to serve as a temporary location for the College of Architecture, Planning and Design while Seaton Hall undergoes renovations scheduled to begin this summer. Additionally, the former call center will also be used for storage and to help create more free space on campus.

# AG MONTH | National Geographic photographer to lecture on campus

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People such as Britton are passionate about agriculture and what it can do to help others.

"I think this celebration is great because agriculture is truly a humbling industry," Britton said. "We produce food, fiber and fuel for the

purpose of serving others, not making a profit."

The Department of Agriculture attempts to raise awareness all year round, and has held events such as the Neighbor to Neighbor statewide food drive to help celebrate Kansas Agriculture Month.

Kansas Agriculture

Day will be celebrated next Wednesday with a lecture by Jim Richardson, photographer for National Geographic, entitled "Feeding a Hungry Planet." The lecture, revolving around agriculture photojournalism, will take place in K-State's Union Little Theatre at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

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# Senior says passion for motor racing is 'in my blood'

By JAMIE TEIXEIRA  
THE COLLEGIAN

Tony Rost, senior in kinesiology and pre-physical therapy, balances academics with constant traveling to NASCAR Division III races around the country. After starting off his last season in last place, Rost rose to the top of the charts. He ended the season in second place, earning him status of the ultimate underdog.

Rost said he believes that he is following in his father's footsteps. He was introduced to the sport at 8 years old by his father, a racer in local dirt track series. So at the age of 14 (the minimum age to race), Rost jumped right into the drivers seat.

"When I was 14, we got a car and started racing," Rost said. "So I was actually racing before I had a driver's license."

As Rost progressed through his racing career, his friends and family have been with him every step of the way.

"It's definitely in my blood," Rost said. "Me and my dad, we've always been in to cars and motorsports and those kinds of stuff."

But blood is not the only way Rost said he sees family; he views his friends and team as part of a bigger family within the racing community. John DeWaard, long-time friend and crew chief, has had Rost's back since the start.

"I had just moved into town," DeWaard said. "(Rost) introduced himself and we got to talking. He invited me to one of his races and that kicked it off."

Just as DeWaard has helped work on the cars the last nine years, Rost has always taken an active role in caring and creating the cars he drives too. He has had to work hard to balance everything thrown in his way, including school, racing and sports.

"Tony copes with school and racing in such a way that you wouldn't know what he does if he didn't tell you," Christian Larson, instructor in kinesiology and Rost's adviser, said.

Friends, family and advisers realize the amount of work Rost puts into every activity. Larson said his competitive personality helps to motivate him to get everything done. This year, Rost has to deal with more than ever before; Rost's father is taking a step back and handing the team down to his son.

"I am taking more of an owner (role), in addition to driving and all the other stuff that I do," Rost said. "I am getting more control of it from a financial standpoint. So those weekly bills and buying tires, buying fuel ... all that extra stuff is going to be on me to take care of."

Rost has to pick and choose which assignments have priority, but no matter how much planning he does he can not be anticipate everything.

"Sometimes I will be studying and I'll get a phone call from the guy working on our shockers," Rost said. "I have to put my work aside and take



Courtesy of Tony Rost

the call since its my responsibility."

Friends and family said they are impressed by how well Rost has done with the many things he is involved in. Since he raced in high school, Rost said he is used to the juggling act, but coming to college has been harder — yet still manageable.

"I think he balances it really

well," DeWaard said. "I mean, it's obviously really hard to balance (academics and racing), but basically you do what you can to get both done to the best of your ability."

The balancing act required sacrifices throughout most of Rost's life and racing career. He said he loves to race and being with friends, but knows

that he is missing out on some big life milestones. Though he missed senior and junior prom for races, he said he cannot complain because he was out there doing what he loved.

"I don't regret anything," Rost said. "If I could go back to 14 and know that this would change my life the way it has, I would do it again."



## K-State concludes homestand against Missouri State

### BASEBALL

By TIMOTHY EVERSON  
THE COLLEGIAN

After splitting a two-game, mid-week series against Creighton, K-State baseball (8-8) will take to their home diamond once again as they begin a three-game series against Missouri State (9-4).

After a nightmare sixth inning saw the Wildcats snap a four-game winning streak against the Blue Jays on Wednesday, K-State is focused on bouncing back and finishing their eight-game homestand strong.

With conference play around the corner, redshirt sophomore infielder Jake Wodtke said that this young K-State

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Sophomore infielder **Jake Wodtke** returns the ball to the field during the K-State vs. Santa Clara baseball game series on March 7 at Tointon Family Stadium. The Wildcats took a victory throughout the three-day game series with 4-1 on day one, 17-5 on day two and 10-3 on day three.

team is starting to come together and take shape.

"We're finding roles," Wodtke said. "Everybody has their own role. With these young guys, they're starting to see some innings and kind of getting a feel for what they need to do to help us win."

Sophomore Nate Griep (2-1, 2.60 ERA) is scheduled to take the mound to start the series against the Bears' undefeated junior Matt Hall (3-0, 2.67 ERA). Sophomore Colton Kalmus (0-1, 3.12 ERA) is scheduled to throw against junior Andy Cheray (2-1, 2.78 ERA) on Saturday, and K-State is scheduled to end the home series with junior Corey Fischer (1-1, 3.66 ERA) against a Missouri State pitcher that has yet to be announced.

K-State head coach Brad Hill said he has mostly liked the consistency his weekend starters have shown, but he is waiting for the entire group to take that next step.

"I think for sure Fischer and Griep have done that," Hill said. "I thought Fischer got a little sloppy the other day when he had four zeros on the board and gave up three in the fifth (against Santa Clara). Other than that, I think he's been

fairly solid. Griep has been consistent all the way through. Colton is the one that we need to see have a good bounce back for us on Saturday."

The Bears carry a three-game win streak into Tointon Family Stadium, and have played common opponents in Iowa and Washington State. The Bears lost to the Hawkeyes and beat the Cougars, while K-State beat both teams earlier this season.

The Wildcats will look to win back-to-back games against Missouri State for the first time since K-State won five-straight from April 1991 to May 1992.

"Good team, they've always played tough and always have good arms," Hill said of the current Bear squad. "They swing their bats very aggressively. They're well coached, obviously coach (Keith) Guttin has been there a long time. I respect what they do and how they go about their business."

The series will be the last time K-State will play at home until March 25, as the Wildcats are scheduled to play eight of their next nine games on the road.

First pitch is scheduled for today at 6:30 p.m. at Tointon Family Stadium.

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## Wildcats vying for strong finish at NCAA Indoor Championships

### TRACK AND FIELD

By EMILIO RIVERA  
THE COLLEGIAN

With one weekend remaining in the 2014-15 indoor season, the K-State track and field team will send multiple athletes to Fayetteville, Arkansas to compete in the Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships today.

On the men's side, the Wildcats are sending freshman duo Christoff Bryan and Nate Gipson to compete in the high jump event.

Bryan, with a 2.28 meter jump at the Tyson Invitational (in the same building that nationals are held in), is tied for the best jump in the country this season.

Gipson, who recently captured the Big 12 Outstanding Freshman of the Year Award, is coming off a second-place finish at the Big 12 Indoor Championships. He has only secured one first-place finish this season, which was at the New Mexico Team Invitational at the end of January.

On the women's side, K-State will send eight athletes to Arkansas to take part in seven events: 4X4 relay, long jump, high jump, shot put, pentathlon, 60-meter hurdles and 200-meter dash.

Among the women competing today, three will be vying for gold in multiple events.

Freshman A'Keyla Mitchell, who won the women's Big 12 Outstanding Freshman of the Year award, will compete with the 4X4 relay team while also taking to the track to compete in the 200-meter dash.

Junior Akela Jones, one of three Big 12 Outstanding Performer of the Year award winners for the women, is competing in the 60-meter hurdle, high jump and long jump events.

In the high jump event, Jones will also be competing with fellow teammates sophomore



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Junior mid-distance runner **Sonia Gaskin** (5) races down the straight stretch ahead of junior sprinter **Tia Gamble** (3) in the women's 800m run at the DeLoss Dodds Invitational on Jan. 24 in Ahearn Field House. Both Gaskin and Gamble will travel to Fayetteville, Arkansas, to compete in the women's 4x400m relay at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. This is the first time K-State has ever sent a 4x400 relay team.

Kimberly Williamson and senior Alyx Treasure.

The NCAA Indoor Championships will conclude on Saturday.



## SGA | Amendment addresses concerns with campus elections

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Senators made a statute change to how funding is used for the college allocations committee and university allocations committee. Previously, each committee was only able to allocate 60 percent of its funds for students to travel to an event. The change made it so that as a whole the two committees still may not spent more than 60 percent of the budget on travel requests total, but an individual committee may as long as the total stays under 60 percent.

Statute changes were also considered to prevent student organizations from requiring members to be a part of a class and request funds from SGA. They also considered minor changes to improve the wording of the current statutes and simply and clarify the meaning of the statutes.

"A lot of this is just meant to clear things up and make it easier for future senators to know what things mean," Mason Grittman, senior in mechanical engineering, said.

An amendment was introduced to dictate when all campaign materials will be allowed on-campus, such as buttons, T-shirts and posters. While the amendment, if ap-

proved, would not prevent campaign materials off-campus, it was intended to even the playing field for all candidates.

"I know a lot of people who thought about running but then didn't run, because they felt like they were already so behind people who know how to campaign and had started already," Codie Webster, senior in political science, said.

Treasurer Jordan Marquess, senior in biology, submitted a request for \$1,985 to be moved from the Student Groups Reserve Account to be used for allocations for fine arts student organizations.

Funding was considered for In-A-Chord to send 15 members to the National A Capella Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, for the amount of \$1,000. McCain Auditorium Student Ambassadors was also considered for an allocation of \$250 to send 15 members to Kansas City, Missouri, for an Art Adventures trip. An allocation totaling \$1,060 was considered to the College of Agriculture Student Council to bring Trent Loos, a columnist for the High Plains Journal and advocate for agriculture, to campus to give a speech about advocating for agriculture.

## ALTERNATIVE BREAK | Students have several reasons for spring break service

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"I serve to achieve a sense of community, also humans are just awesome," Bedell said. "We should get to know one another more often."

Alternative Breaks not only provide an opportunity for students to improve communities, they also end up helping the students themselves. Zach Hickman, junior in construction science and management, went on an alternative break during spring break of last year. His service trip was based around working with Habitat for Humanity in North Carolina to build a home for a family in need.

"The biggest reason I chose to go on the trip was because it was a great networking opportunity to meet new people in my program," Hickman said. "It is also a great addition to your resume."

In addition to the networking and resume benefits, Lutz said her experience with Alternative Breaks thus far has been individually beneficial.

"I have learned that I not only have a passion for service, but being able to make personal connections with those I am serving has helped me grow as a person," Lutz said. "Because of my experiences I am more humble, passionate and self-driven to be a better person in this world and focus on making positive change."

Students that go on Alternative Breaks make the conscious decision to put service before themselves. Many of them have gone on more typical, leisurely spring break trips in the past, and many are faced with the choice of a week of relaxation or a week of service work.

"Last spring break I went to Gulf Shores with some sorority sisters," Lutz said. "I had a lot of

fun, but decided this year to take the opportunity to learn some more about a social issue and help out in whatever way I can."

The Alternative Breaks program provides students with multiple ways to get involved throughout the school year. Aside from the trips over the spring and winter breaks, there are also opportunities to serve on weekends. These trips are more locally focused, as a majority of this service work is done either in Kansas or the Kansas City area.

For those who have volunteered in the past, the experience has clearly been a positive one. Bedell said he sees the growth that volunteers undergo as a result of their service.

"Our program is extremely eye-opening for students," Bedell said. "The learning that takes place about culture, stereotypes and self, could not be reached in the classroom."

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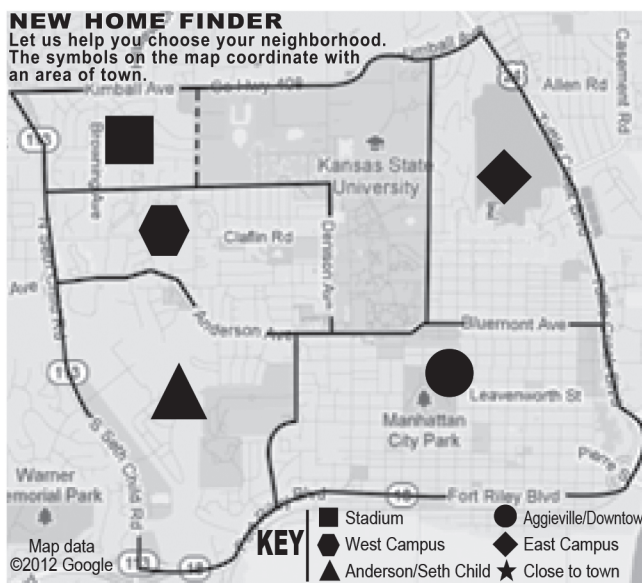
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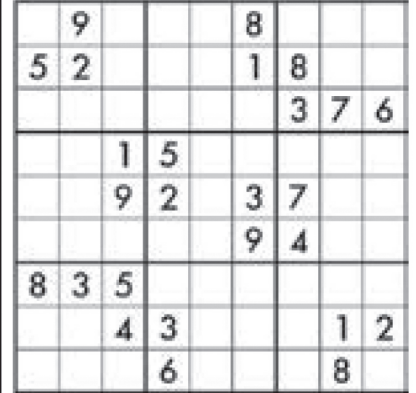
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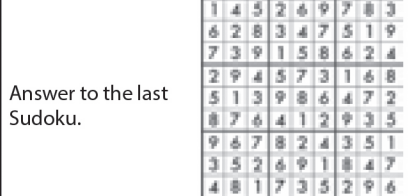
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## K-State greek community defies percieved stereotypes

By **ABBY KAMMERMEIER**  
THE COLLEGIAN

Bizarre rituals, a strong desire for a high social status, binge-boozing until the early morning and excessive hazing and harassment are all classic representations of greek students ... right?

Over the years, these phrases have become more prevalent in society because of recent scandals and controversies surrounding certain greek communities.

In the seemingly short four years college has to offer, why not enhance your experience by joining many organizations, meeting tons of people and doing things you're passionate about? For many students, a great way to combine all of these things is by joining one single organization: a greek chapter.

According to the Jan. 3, 2013 USA Today article titled, "Viewpoint: debunking 4 greek-life stereotypes," there are many stereotypes regarding greek life. These include stereotypes such as greek affiliates are notorious partiers who are not taken seriously in the professional world; greeks don't tend to stray away from their set social circle and members only care about themselves.

K-State's greek life, however, does not hold true to any of these stereotypes.

According to the Office of Greek Affairs, nearly 20 percent of K-State students are pledged to a specific fraternity or sorority. Although what amounts to approximately 4,000 students out of K-State's current 22,342 enrolled may not seem like a large number of people, the greek students at K-State are involved in a broad number of extracurricular activities on-campus through their various leadership roles and involvement.

By being heavily involved in the community and holding leadership positions, K-State greeks have the opportunity to defy the currents stereotypes greek life holds.

All party-goers are not necessarily greek students. There is a large chunk of the remaining collegiate population that parties as well. The awful thing about this stereotype is that it is one of the most prominent, and not many people care enough to look past it to see what else greeks do within their chapter.

Philanthropy involves devoting time and heart to a chapter's specific charity and is one of the biggest aspects in greek life. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Make a Wish Foundation and Push America are just a few of the philanthropies chapters all over campus promote, support and hold fundraisers for.

Greeks not only have a passion for their philanthropies and supported charities, but they also allocate much of their time to their fellow brothers and sisters. Ben Hopper, director of Greek Affairs, said that greek life is fraternities and sororities, "rallying together around one another after a traumatic event has happened in order to support them and make sure they're cared for and loved."

This is an aspect that fraternities and sororities at K-State carry out wholeheartedly, shattering greek stereotypes.

Along with the everlasting brotherhood and sisterhood comes responsibility within each chapter. Greek life exposes members to vari-

ous situations amongst their brothers or sisters. Members deal with each other's conflicts, opinions and viewpoints that may differ from their own. This makes students in greek organizations better equipped to deal with people in general.

Greek life also gives members the chance to hold leadership roles within their chapter.

In general, each chapter has an executive board made up of at least seven members that oversees departments like public relations, education, financial and other branches of the chapter. Extended executive board members have smaller, more specific responsibilities within their department. For example, with philanthropy events, the philanthropy chair would plan the specific event and contact venues. All of these things lead members to becoming better professionals and prepare them for jobs outside their chapter.

## Let's reevaluate what being 'greek' really means

By **KELLY IVERSON**  
THE COLLEGIAN

Greek life has become nothing more than a cruel way to categorize and separate people based on looks, wealth, gender and race.

As a previous member of the greek community, I can tell you firsthand that bad intentions and power trips separate the houses and those in them. While I have to agree that making friends in this exclusive community is easier than having to work to get to know others, the negatives surrounding the entirety of what "greek life" apparently is outweigh any positives the community could muster in their defense.

I preface this all by stating this: my roommates are all greek. Most of my friends are greek. They are not racist and they are not mean. They are amazingly wonderful people who supported me after being kicked out of my own sorority.

I knew I was a goner. Little did I know I would be thrown out of the house and given nowhere to stay. One other girl was given the same punishment.

All I have left of being in that sorority are a couple of crappy T-shirts and unfriendly, familiar faces on campus that remind me of the amazing "sisterhood" I thought I once had.

As bad as being kicked out of my own sorority may have seemed, I consider the whole ordeal one of the best learning experiences I could have gained in college. I became stronger because of it and was able to weed out who my true friends really were. I can't say the same for members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Oklahoma.

A nine-second Youtube video that has recently surfaced has set the greek community at the University of Oklahoma into a frenzy. The video reportedly shows students, most of them members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, chanting a

professor of sociology at the University of Connecticut, studies racial dynamics in American greek life. According to the March 10 CNN article titled, "Are frats 'a form of American apartheid'?" Hughey is not surprised by this video either. The members chanting the horrid words are not simply "bad apples," as Hughey puts it, but rather, part of a "bad orchard."

"Largely, these organizations reflect a super segregated and unequal system that is made up of college and alumni members all over the world," Hughey said to CNN.

This is one of many controversies and scandals that has arisen out of the greek community. According to the Dec. 15, 2014 Daily Pennsylvanian article titled, "Phi Delta Theta holiday photo sparks controversy," the University of Pennsylvania's Phi Delta Theta's posted a Christmas card last year that raised eyebrows and tension. The picture depicts all caucasian males and a dark-skinned blow up doll in the corner posing for a Christmas card.

The list of "incidents" occurring within the greek community goes on and on, including issues and under-pursued accusations of sexual assault, parties that lead to excessive binge drinking, safety concerns and issues of segregation and racism.

Not everything about going greek leads to more racism and a feeling of exclusiveness no nerd could possibly infiltrate. According to the June 4, 2014 USA Today article titled, "Study: Going greek may lead to the 'good life,'" those in the greek community felt 10 percent more prepared for life after college than their non-greek peers. Sorority and fraternity members were also 5 percent more likely to be engaged in their workplace (enjoying what they do and being good at it) in greater numbers than other graduates. They were also 6 percent more likely to be thriving in their community than non-greeks.

While the number difference may be small, making connections and meeting the "right people" in the greek community is one major reason I am disappointed to no longer be in one. As May approaches and graduation breathes heavily upon my neck, I find myself wishing I had a mass mailing list of girls to call upon for post-graduation connections.

I can't ask that greek organizations be completely removed from K-State. That is not a viable conclusion or solution to these controversies. I do think the values and reasoning behind greek life should be evaluated to determine if any campuses' sororities and fraternities live up to the standards they were apparently created on in the first place.

My experiences have led me to disagree with the greek community, but I now put the ball in your court to prove me wrong. Those of you in fraternities and sororities, question what it is you actually stand for. Do people feel accepted? Is there segregation within the community? What are your values? Are they something worth supporting? Some of the answers might leave us questioning greek life altogether.

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ILLUSTRATION BY HAN TRAN

With all the positions to hold within a greek chapter, there is no doubt that members leave their chapters and enter the professional world with a greater understanding of the meaning of community and leadership.

Almost all fraternities and sororities share the same core values of brotherhood or sisterhood, philanthropy, leadership and involvement. With plenty of effort and passion, greek communities on campuses all over the country can try to model after one another and put a final end to greek stereotypes.

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A couple years ago, I was seen in a Youtube video that revolved around K-State parties. Although I never had a drink in my hand, I was still underage. Many of my sisters made their debut in the video as well, actually holding liquor and doing things that would be considered inappropriate. For some reason, only a few of us were brought up on the standards board.

I argued that I accepted whatever punishment they saw fair, I just asked that the punishment was even across the board to every sister in the video. All of the other women were eventually called up to standards as well, and were handed punishments such as cleaning up sisterhoods and other minuscule things.

When I was awaiting a punishment from members on the judicial board (half of whom hated me for being an extrovert and one who was currently dating an ex of mine),

disgusting, racist song.

I applaud Oklahoma's President David Boren for severing ties with the fraternity, whose greek letters have already been removed from its former house. Protests have since ensued, made up of hundreds of students (including Boren) on the Norman, Oklahoma campus this past Monday. Boren even took to social media to disgrace those partaking in the racist chant.

"To those who have misused their free speech in such a reprehensible way, I have a message for you: you are disgraceful," Boren said in a tweet. "You have violated all that we stand for. You should not have the privilege of calling yourself 'Sooners.'"

I was shocked by the video. After speaking with friends about the ordeal, racism is apparently more common in the greek community than I could imagine.

Matthew Hughey, an associate

## StreetTalk

compiled by Lauren Nagle

If there was a zombie apocalypse and you had to choose one president – dead or alive – as your only companion, who would you choose and why?



**RACHEL MORTIMER**  
SOPHOMORE,  
OPEN OPTION

"Abraham Lincoln, because I could trust him because he's honest. Also, there are rumors that he is a vampire killer ... so that's great."



**JAKE SILLIMAN**  
SENIOR,  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

"Abraham Lincoln, because there was a movie about him slaying vampires and I feel like those skills would be transferable."



**JOSEPH WOODS**  
FRESHMAN,  
ENGINEERING

"Jimmy Carter. He seems like a cool dude. He was pretty friendly, so it would be nice to have someone friendly during the apocalypse."



**TANNER GRIFFIN**  
SOPHOMORE,  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

"Taft was pretty fat, so I feel like if food became a shortage I could maybe like eat him. There's lots of him to eat. Or maybe if I were being chased, I could throw him down."



**DEANDRE JOHNSON**  
SENIOR,  
MASS COMMUNICATION

"Barack Obama. I trust him and would feel most safe. He is a great speaker; he could get through to them verbally and keep me safe. Most people think zombies don't speak, but maybe they do."